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ZOETERMEER— UFO Landing?

No, this is the modern Shopping Centre named “SPAZIO” in Zoetermeer. It was designed by Dutch architect Frits van Dongen in November 2005 and completed in 2012. More on Zoetermeer on pages 14 & 15.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 7 October	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 11 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) <i>Shop open</i>	
Sunday 21 October	A Sandgroppers Fundraising Event for DACWA <u>"Country Western Afternoon"</u>	
	Music: Gerry van Sambeek	
	Doors open 11.00 am	
	Costs: \$15.00 per person	
Thursday 25 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) <i>Shop open</i>	
Friday 26 October	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Sunday 28 October	<u>"1952 REUNION— OPEN DAY"</u>	
Sunday 4 November	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Tuesday 6 November	<u>"Melbourne Cup Lunch"</u>	
Thursday 8 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) <i>Shop open</i>	
Thursday 22 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) <i>Shop open</i>	
Sunday 25 November	<u>"St Nicholas Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
Friday 30 November	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Sunday 2 December	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	
Thursday 6 December	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly) <i>Shop open</i>	
Saturday 8 December	<u>"DACWA Clients Christmas Lunch"</u>	
Sunday 9 December	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Sunday 16 December	<u>"Christmas Concert"</u> by the Dutch Singers	

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Private Members Parties:

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)



President's Report – October 2012

As I am writing this month's President's Report, I am thinking how far Neerlandia has come. The AGM 2012 saw the installation of the first female President of the Dutch Club, a

significant development.

I quietly wonder what direction Neerlandia will take. Many times we have discussed the declining membership due to natural causes and also due to the fact that the new Dutch have different expectations from a club.

Social networking means that having a club house as such may no longer be of prime importance to the new generation. For the new Dutch, a message on FaceBook or some other social media is all that is required to communicate and organize a meeting with fellow Dutch people.

It is obvious that the Club has to change direction and that the committee has to be critical about what is expected but also what can be expected of and for the Club in the future.

That is not easy, that is not easy at all.

Although we will endeavor to see the Club grow we will also have to constantly ask ourselves what is best for the current membership and what may be required in future.

With this knowledge and with that task at hand, I am starting my first year as President of the Dutch club.

Whatever direction the Club may go in the near future you can rest assured that my only concern is the interest of the current members.

And on that note, I take this opportunity to wish all Neerlandia Members who are sick or unwell a speedy recovery; we hope to see you again soon.

Lianna Parker,
President.



From your editor.

We are back again from our annual caravan trip to Coral Bay, a beautiful spot, which is so relaxing and the weather up there is like a warm spring day in Perth. Swimming and snorkelling in the protected Bay is an almost daily routine.

And after six weeks of bliss I feel like my old self again, something that has been missing for quite some time. But then again it is also nice to go back home again. That is except the work that is waiting once you do get back. The gardens are overgrown with weeds; the caravan and 4WD need to be cleaned and all equipment cleaned and stored away for another 12 months. Then there is family and friends to catch up with and it is also time to catch up with Neerlandia Committee members, but that has mainly to do with getting up-to-date information or articles for the Neerlandia magazine.

Sporting News from the Netherlands.

World Cup 2014.

After the disappointment of Euro 2012, the Dutch national football team has had a bit of a makeover under their new coach Louis van Gaal and they have managed to win their two qualifying matches for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. First they beat Turkey 2-0 and that was followed by a 4-1 win over Hungary. Their next two world cup matches will be played in October.

Let's hope that they do qualify for the world cup finals. By then modern technology would be more advanced, there should be a fibre optic internet network in Perth and who knows, we might be able to see some of their matches in our clubhouse without having to pay exuberant viewing fees.

Neerlandia AGM:

The Neerlandia AGM was held in September and reports on that can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

However, as Editor I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people, who made my work as editor so much easier.

... Gerard Woerlee for his articles on Dutch history;
... Louis Dingjan for the articles on Dutch towns;
... Henny Crijns for her articles on events held;
... Lianna Parker for editing the DACWA Insert as well as proofreading the magazine;
... Ray & Riki Schaafsma for proofreading;
... Kaye and Robert Wegman bagging & mailing.

For those members that have internet access, you can view past issues of the magazine (except the most recent one) in glorious colour on the Neerlandia website.

Members also have the choice to receive the most recent magazine (in full colour) by e-mail instead of having it mailed out.

Just let me know by e-mail if that is what you would like to participate in:

pieter.leeftang@bigpond.com

Pieter Leeftang, Editor.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW
MEMBERS OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA**

**Marjolein van der Esch,
Peter den Dekker
Anton Rohner**

October Birthdays & Neerlandia AGM

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of October 2012.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Willie	Neervoort
Gerard	Poot
Alfred	Ukich
Piet	Noordeman
Gerry	Creemers
Helen	Wood
Ronald	Bouwman
Marjolijn	van der Esch
Rita	Spence-Bavich
Theo	Wieman
Geof	Halstead
Bruni	Prince
Bram	Dijkstra
Corrie	Toneman
Sytske	Staats
Ellen	Broerse
Tanya	Maasen
Ronald	van Dijk
Freda	Hovingh
Bettina	Tonkin
Vickie	Spaans
Maartje	de Vries
Len	Pleijssier
Carla	Nota
Emma	Boekhout
Mieke	Creemers
Keith	Hart
Gerard	Spaan
Marion	Dreijer
Johannes	Wynmalen
Rene	Stefels
Diana	den Hoedt
Bruce	Robinson
Anna	Robinson



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes you need to contact our **Membership Administrator:**

Marieke van den Berg.

Her E-mail address is:

mariekevandenber@westnet.com.au

Report on the Neerlandia AGM.

On Sunday 16 September the 43rd Neerlandia AGM was held. Close to 50 members showed up to witness history being made, when Neerlandia's first ever female president Lianna Parker opened the meeting.

With accurate reports being submitted and with Lianna in firm but pleasant control of procedures, the meeting was over in 50 minutes.

On the financial front it was noted that Neerlandia had made small but healthy profit of approximately \$3,000, despite increasing the amount spent on maintenance and the ever increasing costs of Rates, Insurance, Electricity and Gas. The elections were over in a flash, as there were more vacancies than candidates and it is now up to the new Committee to fill the two vacant seats.



The NEW Neerlandia Committee (l. t. r.) Vice President, Tony Horsten; Secretary, Marieke van den Berg; CM, Henk Hanemaaier; President, Lianna Parker; CM, Marion Dreijer; Treasurer, Henry Koldenhoven; CM, Gerry Creemers; CM, Piet van Dijk; CM, Louis Marcus (Insert)

There were a few proposed constitution changes, which were mainly cosmetic or legislative requirements as well as to give the Committee the power to increase their numbers from 11 to 15.

These proposed changes were explained by Neerlandia's ex-president Piet Leeflang and they were agreed to by the members present, but Robert Wegman pointed out that he thought there were clashes with other clauses in the constitution and suggested a sub-committee to be formed, which looks at the proposed changes.

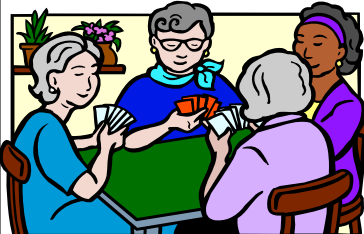
After the meeting was closed, Neerlandia's Patron and Hon. Dutch Consul, Arnold Stroobach presented Piet and Joke Leeflang with a travel voucher as a token of appreciation from all for the many, many years he has been a member of the Neerlandia Committee, the last seven years as President.

It was also revealed that the Clubhouse lounge has been named the "Piet Leeflang Lounge" in his honour.



Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 7 October en zondag 4 November.



Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.
Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.
Iedereen is welkom.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$50.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCaat	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

The next 2 End of Month Drinks will be held on Friday the 26th of October and Friday the 30th of November.
NEW HOURS! The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm, and the Kitchen will remain open until 8.30 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

“Kinder Menus” also available!

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



End of Month Drinks

– August

As many of the regulars were on holidays in the Netherlands, it was



artistic future ahead of her.

On behalf of all the Neerlandia Members I would like to thank Marieke for her generous donation. Freda that night, assisted in the shop and she reported back that she had thoroughly enjoyed the dynamics of the evening. Find out for yourself and join us on the cheapest trip to the Netherlands, every last Friday of the month from 5.30 – 9.00pm, except in December.

very hard to find sufficient volunteers to help run the kitchen. However, Yolanda, Nick, Aart & Andree made up for the hands that were lacking on a very busy night.

Puck, Barrie & Patrick were busily serving behind the bar, where now cider and green tea is added to the assortment of beverages.

And on the subject of additional choices, the kitchen for the first time served “broodje bal” and “frikandel speciaal”. The latter was a big hit and was sold out at time of closing.

An extra on the night was the unveiling of three delicious art works created and produced by graphic designer Marieke Verduyn Lunel.

Busy Bees

And that we have been. Every Friday morning we meet at 9am to look after bits and bobs. Henk always walks around with a screw driver in his hand and Gerry carries the bleach and cloths. Slowly but certainly we are getting on top of nagging little jobs that need doing but for which we always lack the time. A small request, when you use the fridge and you notice that something was spilled, could you please wipe it so that we can all enjoy clean facilities? Thanks!

Harry has spent a few mornings on the sound system in the hall and we now have a terrific system with a multitude of possibilities.

Barrie relocated paintings and hung the three art works created and donated by Marieke Verduyn Lunel.

Thank you all, good work.

Toys for the Children's Paradise

Freda donated a collection of cuddly teddy bears especially for the tiny people visiting the Children's Paradise. Thank you Freda.

Lesley Harmer also donated a knitted doll to the Children's Paradise, thanks so much Lesley!

Coffee Machine

Have you tried our new coffee yet? The Lavazza coffee machine produces real coffee that is growing in popularity. On Friday mornings, while you shop in the Neerlandia winkel, you could have a cappuccino or a long black with a biscuit for \$3.50

Computer Lessons

Alf Ukich conducts computer lessons on Friday mornings in the Dutch Club. If you are interested, please send him an email to discuss details: alfred.ukich@bigpond.com



Marieke Verduyn Lunel at work on her graphic designs.

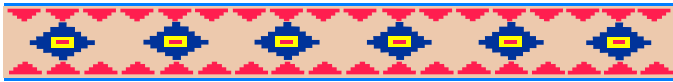
We got to know Marieke's oma through DACWA and so the cooperation started. We asked Marieke if she could make us something contemporary



Marieke's Business Card. Another example of her art form.

Dutch – and that is exactly what she did. Marieke is a very talented young woman and I believe that she has a great

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



A NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Patrick & Fiona Blaauw
With the birth of their daughter
Evienne May, sister for Jimmy



Donations

Neerlandia is heavily reliant on donations from its members and all donations - large or small, be it money or time - are very much appreciated. In the past we have sent out thank-you letters to all those donating money to the club. From now on however, we will publish the names of people who donate money to the club in our magazine and no longer send out individual letters, due to rising costs.

In September, Neerlandia received donations from:

- ... Mr. L. Schoonens, of Duncraig
- ... Mr. P. Meinema, of Ballajura

The Shop

Recently the shop was stocked up again with old time favorites but also with newer products. Now available at the Neerlandia Shop: Maasdammer cheese, mixes for boterkoek, pannekoeken, appeltaart en poffertjes. We also have new stock of Remia fritessaus and big bottles of curry saus. These products are only an example of what is available. We encourage you to try it all!

A Private Party with a Swing

On 25 August John Otis, the Dutch Butcher, hosted a private party in Neerlandia and a party it was. The Storyville Jazz Band played from seven until eleven only interrupted by a show of tenors and a soprano who really got the audience singing.

A smorgasbord of the most beautiful products from John's shop was enjoyed by all. Everyone clapped, sang and danced – it was an evening that brought Neerlandia back to its old glory. More on this concert on page 11 of the magazine.

Lianna & Marieke.

The Satellite and Antenna Guy

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(Neerlandia Editor)*

Art from The Netherlands.

An amateur art collector in The Netherlands is looking to reduce his collection and would like for some of the works to end up in Australia. He is mainly offering works from Dutch (famous and not-so-famous) artists, with generally typical Dutch scenes from the 19th and 20th century.

The art on offer comes in different sizes, using a variety of techniques (such as oil, aquarelle, crayon and graphite) and is, above all, on sale! For further details and information on shipping costs, contact details can be obtained through Marieke van den Berg (mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au or at the Clubhouse, on: 9381 3738, every Friday morning between 10 and 12).





Laughter is still the best medicine



The true meaning of SERVICE:

I am probably not the only one who is confused with the meaning of the word "Service", when I read the word in the names of the following agencies:

Banking 'Service'

Postal 'Service'

Telephone 'Service'

Pay TV 'Service'

State & Public 'Service'

Customer 'Service'

Bureaucratic 'Service'

This is not what I thought 'Service' meant.

Then I visited my uncle, he's a farmer, he was talking about hiring a bull to 'Service' his cows.

Suddenly!! WOW!!! Like lightning it struck me and it all came clear. Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us!

A Golfing incident:

A Golfer accidentally overturned his golf cart.

Elizabeth, an avid golfer, who lived in a villa overlooking the golf course, heard the noise and ran over to him.

"Hey, are you okay, what's your name?"

"Wally," he replied.

"Wally, you are shaking all over. Come to my villa, have something to drink to settle your nerves and I'll help you get the cart up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," Wally answered, "but I don't think my wife would like that."

"Aw come on," Elizabeth insisted, you are in shock"

She was very voluptuous, pretty and very persuasive.

Well okay," Wally finally agreed.

But at the same time said: "But my wife won't like it."

After a hearty drink and some unexpected romancing, Wally thanked his host.

"I feel really great now, but I know my wife is going to be really upset."

"Don't be foolish," Elizabeth said with a smile, "she won't know anything about this."

"By the way, where is she?"

"Under the cart!"

The welcome stranger:

Years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town.

From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family.

The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught

me good from evil and Dad taught me to obey.

But the stranger... he was our storyteller.

He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future!

He took my family to the first major league ball game.

He made me laugh, and he made me cry.

The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them.

Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors.

Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

Dad didn't permit liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis.

He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex.

His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing..

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger.

Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked...

And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family.

He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first.

Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name???

We just call him "TV."

I really fear what his grandkids will be like.


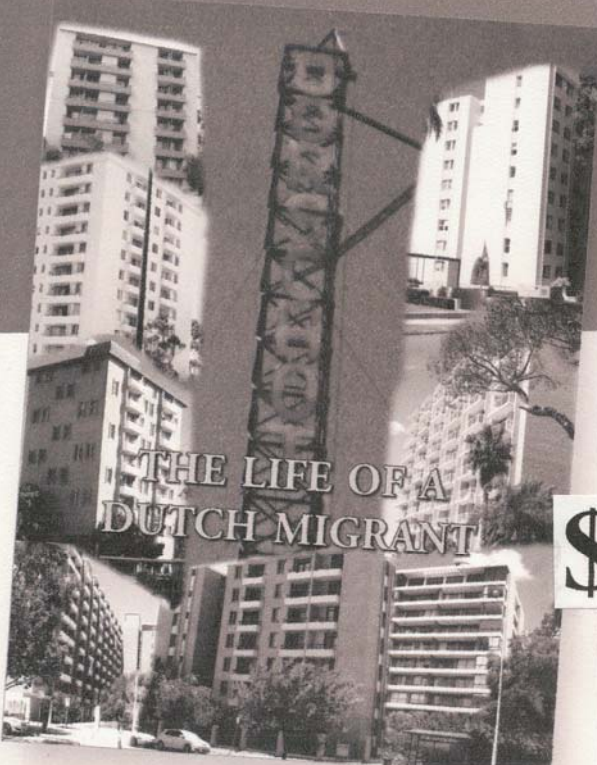
Editor's Note: He has a wife now... we call her: "Computer."

Their first child is: "Smart Phone."

The Second child is: "I-Pad."

The Third Child is: "Smart TV"

THE LIFE OF A DUTCH MIGRANT



\$25

Spanning eighty years and two continents, this is Henk Oorschot's life story.

Editor's note: Henk Oorschot, who built many multi storey buildings around Perth, has published his life story: "The Life of a Dutch Migrant". This very well-written 408 page book is available at Neerlandia during the End of Month Drinks, or contact Henk direct by E-mail: henkoorschott@bigpond.com

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

- ... Bitterballen, Kroketten & Frikandellen & Gerookte Makreel.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst. Leidse & Goudse & **Maasdammer Kaas**
- ... Vleeswaren van Jan Otis-Ham, Rookvlees, Amsterdamse worst en Cervelaat worst
- ... **Zoute Haring (Deze zijn momenteel niet beschikbaar)**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken
- ... Honig Soepen, Curry Saus en Remia Frite & Knoflook Saus
- ... Calvé Mayonaise en Remia Mayonaise
- ... Boterkoek, Pannekoeken, Appeltaart en Poffertjes mix

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week)	van 9.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am - Noon

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden



Band:
GERRY
v Sambeeck

Carnaval club The Sandgropers



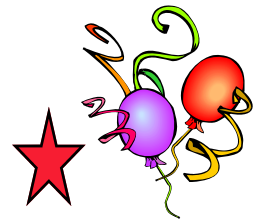
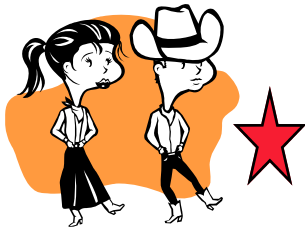
Bring to you a 'special' fundraising event:
'COUNTRY & WESTERN AFTERNOON'
"Proceeds to Dutch Aged Care WA Inc"

Date: Sunday 21st October 2012

Venue: Dutch Club 'Neerlandia'
230 Cambridge Street—WEMBLEY

Time: Doors open at 11am

Entertainment: Begins at 1 pm.



The Kitchen will be open:

Lunch can be purchased plus
your favourite Dutch snacks.



The Bar will be open:

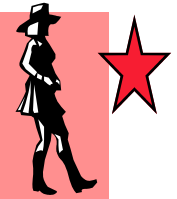
All you favourite Dutch drinks
will be available for you

Bookings: Henny Crijns Tel: 08 9454 6879

Tickets: \$15 per person.

(If you have a favourite table don't forget to ask for it)

Answering machine available,
please leave name & number.



ANSWA & Neerlandia welcome you: **1952 REUNION**

OPEN DAY AT NEERLANDIA

Sunday 28th October 2012

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

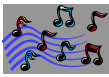
The **60th Anniversary** of Dutch Migrants who came out
in the year 1952—either by ship or plane.

There will be **Exhibitions, Displays, Films, Photos**
etcetera of that time period.

Came out in 1952? Then come receive your
complimentary copy of your ships passenger listings....
The **BAR** and the **KITCHEN** will be open with their usual
Dutch goodies. Not forgetting the well stocked Club
'Winkeltje' with all your favourites.

**Our friends who came out before or after that time are
also more than welcome.**





Jazz Concert at Neerlandia



'The Storyville Jazzband'



Evergreen Len Gluvers



Well known member of the Dutch Community in Western Australia, Mr John Otis—also well known as the 'Dutch Butcher' organized a *'Just for Old Times Sake'* fantastic 'Jazz Concert' which he held at the Dutch Club Neerlandia on the evening of Saturday the 25th August 2012. John Otis was a very familiar face at & around the Dutch Club Neerlandia for some 20 years or more & had put together hundreds of functions both day and night shows. From Jazz to dance nights, open days, monthly brunches (still going today) & I remember, yummy Rijstafels, etcetera...

On this particular occasion there were many familiar faces amongst the guests and also some who had not been to the club for a long, long time.

The 4-piece Jazz Band called 'The Storyville Jazzband' was led by Dixi Kidd (trumpet) who had played many times in Neerlandia in the 80's; including Jan Huising (piano) who played for many years with Bill van den Dungen as the 'Silver Platters' - the group performed magnificently—many very catchy and well known tunes.

Also present was the 'evergreen' piano accordion player & singer Len Gluver—Len too is very well known to our Dutch Community having performed on many occasions for the Dutch Club in years gone by. It was a pleasure to see him yet once again. Len's pupil Dominic also showed his prowess on the piano accordion.

At one point in the evening a group of Opera Singers, dressed in their



evening finery waltzed into the hall singing so wonderfully—it was a treat to hear such great voices. The group consisted of singers Trish, Angelo & Bertinazo. I have seen these artists before—they are certainly very talented. Included in the entry fee was food, food and more food. Tea & Coffee and much more. Mr Otis certainly provided for a full and wonderfully entertaining evening. Of course there was the few noisy guests, who forgot to keep quiet during the singing but of course this happens from time to time. It certainly did not take away from the total atmosphere. Without a doubt there was a good turn up for the event and many of those present were very pleased to have made the effort to attend and hoped that this would be a



sign of possible future similar events.

Thanks again to Mr Otis for the initiative, the organizing and the energies he put into creating such a pleasant and entertaining evening; and all this *'Just for Old Times Sake'*.

Thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who were forever in and out of the hall with food and drink.

The Bar too did a brisk trade and provided excellent service to the thirsty guests.

Later the club's own little 'winkeltje' was open for business and quite a few Dutch goodies were purchased by the eager guests.

A great evening by any one's standard.

Henny Crijns...



Extra entertainment by opera singers Trish, Angelo & Bertinazo.

Good Afternoon Ladies & Gentlemen, Members of Neerlandia,

As the Acting President, it is my pleasure and honour to open the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Dutch Society "Neerlandia".

Again, it has been a tough year for the Committee. Much to our regret we had to accept the resignations of Ad Liebrechts and Pieter Leeftang during the year while Robert van Straalen advised us that he will not stand for re-election. But, we were fortunate to have Marion Dreijer and Gerry Creemers, whom the Committee appointed as Committee members until this AGM. Those members who will make up the new committee are committed to make the new year a good year. As the finances will be presented and explained to you by our Treasurer, I will go to membership.

Membership

Membership is what keeps a Club alive, a club without members is destined to disappear. And although we are losing members due to natural causes, we have seen new members coming in this year. These new Dutch are predominantly Expatriates whom we have found through Social Networking like our own FaceBook page and our newly developed website. We regularly communicate through email. And, much to my pleasure we also work very closely with the Consulate when it comes to circulation of events and functions organized by Neerlandia.

The End of Month Drinks have grown from a quiet get together of predominantly existing members to a happening where 80-100 people visit the Club to catch up, have something to eat and drink and to basically connect with each other.

The Children's Paradise has proven to be a wonderful idea since some children urge their parents to visit the Dutch Club as they want to play the computer games that we now provide.

Serving behind the bar we also find younger faces on those Friday nights and some have offered to work behind the bar during the private parties that can be held at the club house.

Now more so than in the past you will see young and old Neerlandia members working together during functions be it in the kitchen or behind the bar. And that is really what it is all about.

I fully understand that some of the older members find it harder to come to the Club to enjoy what is on offer. Many of those members decided over time to not renew their membership. I would urge you to not do that: even if you are not physically able to get to the Club, your support keeps the Club running and with the Club comes the shop and the sales of Dutch liquor from the bar.

And also, if you cease to be a member, you miss out on all the news that you can read in the Neerlandia

Magazine.

Summarising Memberships, we currently have 406 members divided into 71 ordinary, 24 associate en 311 concession. As you will appreciate, we will need many more new members to guarantee a future for the club. And that is what the committee is working at.

Maintenance & Improvements

Maintenance of the building is a continuous concern and like on any older building, you will notice that we will be spending more money on the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Not only due to the age of the brick and mortar, but also because Neerlandia does not have the volunteers anymore to do the work that is required. Hence we have to call for and pay for trades people to fix what needs mending whereas previously some of this was done for free.

As an example, we have contracted a gardener and you will have noticed, the front garden is neat and tidy and the result of his hard work is that we now have an attractive looking front garden. Obviously the garden is not finished, like any garden this is an ongoing project. More big maintenance jobs are scheduled for the next few years.

During the Busy Bee Friday mornings, most committee members are walking around doing odd jobs and to give the building an extra clean. Obviously, you are more than welcome to give us a hand and have a coffee with us on those Friday mornings.

Other improvements that come to mind are the new flat screen TV and the blue ray player in the lounge and 2 dry bars and 8 barstools, the latter are especially used during the End of Month drinks.

For the office we bought a new computer, which makes working "upstairs" so much easier and faster.

With people living longer and independently, DACWA, our tenant, is growing rapidly. Consequently DACWA applied for more space and that was given by extending their downstairs office by 1 meter.

We got new table tops in the main hall, for which we started a fundraiser called "Adopt a table top". This fundraiser has proven to be very popular as we managed to get all the table tops paid for by you, the members.

The Shop

Twice per year 2 people would spend a full day to do a manual stock take. It was therefore decided that the Club should buy a cash register. Not only would this register show a daily overview of the stock, it would also give an overview of the turnover of products in the shop. That information could be used to decide what stock to buy. Of course, like any change, we encountered some teething problems but soon we all got the hang of this miracle machine and before too long we will have forgotten about the times that we used pencil and paper to add up.

While talking about the shop I need to mention Alex who was so unfortunate as to suffer a fall when on holidays last July. Committee members and the volunteers took it upon themselves to manage the shop during Alex's absence and I would like to say a special thank you to those involved.

Many of you, who frequent the shop, will have noticed that next to the old favorites, the shop is carrying new, additional Dutch products. We are always on the lookout for new products and I encourage you to try these for yourselves.

The Magazine

Much to our relief, Pieter Leeftang was interested to stay Editor of the magazine after his retirement from the Committee. With more time on his hands, I can imagine that putting the magazine together is even more enjoyable now. For those who are not aware of this, you can receive the magazine as a PDF file sent to your email address. Apart from the practical advantage, you will also have a magazine in full colour which makes reading an even greater pleasure. If you want to receive your electronic copy, please let Pieter know.

Social Events

Although the older members are frequenting the club less, and despite the fact that the new members have different expectations of a club such as ours, we are constantly trying for new functions and events that may attract patrons to the Club and that may encourage people to become members.

Therefore we started with Melbourne Cup Lunch which will this year be held for the third consecutive year; we also had a very lively and very orange Koninginnedag celebration during the EoM in April.

We tried to organize viewing of the Europa Cup Football but that proved too costly and too involved. However, we are looking forward to 2014 when the World Cup Football will be played in Brazil as we will be able to show all the Dutch football matches, that is, if Holland qualifies.

In closing

I dare say that the committee has worked beyond the standard hours. We have such a small committee and there is so much work to be done to keep the club running to everyone's satisfaction.

In saying that, I would like to thank the volunteers who are always willing to help out; the committee would not be able to operate without your never ending energy. And on this note, yes, we welcome anyone who offers a bit of time to assist us when we need assistance.

Other than that, I would like to thank the Committee and all of you for the encouragement, advice and general kindness that I have received, especially since I have taken over the Presidency from Pieter Leeftang. I would like to personally say thank you to Pieter for his guidance and wisdom.

I am looking forward to the task ahead and I am looking forward to your unconditional support for the Committee sitting in front of you.

Thank you all,
Lianna Parker,
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm pleased to present to you, the Annual Accounts, for the period to 30/06/12

It is *indeed satisfying*, to report on a net improvement in our financial position this year with a profit of \$3077.00, compared to a loss of \$5433.00, in the previous year's results.

The End of Month drinks, held on the last Friday of the month, has certainly had a positive impact on our Trading Results in all areas, the Bar, the Kitchen and the Shop.

The potential for new members at these functions has also been successful, filling the gap made by our older members, who can no longer participate due to age or ill health.

It is inspiring to see the Lounge full, with the over flow moving into the Main Hall on these Friday nights, better still are the comments from the old regulars, who note: We haven't seen crowds like this since the 1980's.

The New Dutch as they are called, here for a short period, are enjoying the food and drinks and their ability to meet others from similar background and buying lots of items from the shop before they go home

A better control over stock movement and the pricing has also been a contributing factor.

The introduction of a computerised cash register with bar code scanner, should assist the Shop volunteers and allow for a bigger range of items to be made available to our members.

Most of our costs have been contained this year, of course Government charges such as Council Rates, Water, Gas and Electricity, are beyond our control and can only be monitored.

Our Membership levels have remained steady, with new members being sourced from the End of Month visitors and their friends, replacing our older members who have been unable to continue.

In closing I would like to thank others working in the Treasury unit and of course my fellow Committee members for their support, we are all volunteers, sometimes the going gets tough with the limited time available, but when a good thing comes together the pure joy outshines all the negatives put before us.

We herewith submit our accounts for your review.

Henry Koldenhoven,
Treasurer

The ICT town of Zoetermeer



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ZOETERMEER

Zoetermeer is a town in the province of South Holland. The municipality covers an area of 37.06 km² (of which 2.15 km² is water). A small village until the late 1960s, it had 6,392 inhabitants in 1950.

On 1 January 2010 this had grown to 121,580, making it the third largest population centre in the province of South Holland after Rotterdam and The Hague. It is part of the Haaglanden conurbation.

The name Zoetermeer, (Dutch "Sweet Lake"), refers to the former fresh lake north of the town (reclaimed in 1614).

HISTORY

In the tenth century Zoetermeer was a small village, primarily home to farmers and fishermen. In the 13th century a village centre was formed, which still exists as the historic Dorpstraat. Until the 17th century there was a lake, called the Zoetermeer. A reminder of this is the "Noord Aa" at the northern edge of town, an artificial lake was created when tons of sand were needed as building material for the foundations for new housing development and the area north of Zoetermeer provided a good source.

Until 1935 the village centre was split into two villages, Zoetermeer and Zegwaard. The standard of living at the time was said to be higher in Zoetermeer than in Zegwaard. Seghwaert, an older way of spelling of Zegwaard, is now the name of a neighbourhood outside the old village centre.

Zoetermeer began to grow slightly when the first train service came around 1868. A few decades later the Nutricia factory (now called Numico) started near the station.

The real growth started in 1966, when there was an urgent need of houses from people around The Hague. From then they started to build new quarters around the old village centre, so Zoetermeer began to grow and became a city without city rights in the meantime.



Street in the old city centre

Although Zoetermeer nowadays has the image of a modern city, there are still remains of the past. Like the old village centre with its small houses and the church with late medieval 15th century clock tower and the old farms, surrounded by modern houses nowadays.

Lake Dobbe divides the old town from the new city centre, with the medieval village centre on one side of the lake and the modern high-rise and skyscrapers on the other side.



The "Old Church"

THE OLD CHURCH

Interestingly, it is very clear that the tower and church are of different dates.

In the 17th century the Dutch Reformed church and Remonstrant church also existed in Zoetermeer, where the larger and more powerful Reformed Church used the Oude Kerk. Membership of a church was also a political statement. At the end of the 17th century a fight between the Reformed and Remonstrant broke out and the retired Remonstrant vicar fled and drowned. His body laid on the church doorway for 5 days before it was dragged to the cemetery and buried without a casket. Quite gory!

During that time, the Reformed church had the right to tax beer, grain and wedding ceremonies to name a few. This financed the church building, which was finished in 1787.

The church tower, with its wooden top was already finished in 1642.

NUTRICIA

In 1896 Mr Van der Hagen managed to become the only licenced producer, licensed to manufacture cattle food. His company named Nutricia turned out to be the main baby food producer in the Netherlands. Its competitor Friesche Vlag (Frisolac) never managed more than 25% of the market.

Almost every Dutch child will have been fed some Nutricia variety in its early infant years.

Then there is Olvarit, first produced in 1949. Those are little glass jars of baby food. And if babies were bottle-fed, they were mostly given Nutrilon baby milk.



Nutricia factory Zoetermeer

The ICT town of Zoetermeer



Rottemeren — close to Zoetermeer

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Zoetermeer is divided into 10 neighbourhoods, which cover most of the municipality's territory, with the remainder being the commercial area in the east and the mostly green and undeveloped *Buitengebied* in the west. Every neighbourhood has at least one shopping mall and a tram stop. Each neighbourhood consists of one or more *wijken*, each of which has a separate postcode with differing last two digits following "27".

These neighbourhoods have the following names (in brackets the year the neighbourhood was designated, although some of the neighbourhood already existed before designation):

Dorp (1962), Driemanspolder (1965), Palenstein (1966), Meerzicht (1969), Buytenwegh de Leyens (1974), Seghwaert (1975), Stadscentrum (1978), Noordhove (1986), Rokkeveen (1987) and Oosterheem (1999).



Lake Grote Dobbe

STADSCENTRUM

The construction of a new centre of Zoetermeer actually started only in 1981, to serve as a shopping and administrative heart of the city. It followed modern urban planning principles, placing parking garages, some storage facilities and a RandstadRail station on the ground level, which is covered by pedestrian and bicycle only area with shops on the lower floors and apartments above them, to ensure the centre does not die out outside of the business hours.

The centre was completed in phases, the last stages being the Cadenza residential development in 2005-2006 and the Spazio Shopping Centre in 2012 next to the RandstadRail station Centrum-West, which serves as the terminus for RandstadRail line 3 and the central bus station of Zoetermeer. The stad's centrum includes the modern town hall of Zoetermeer and the local police station. A small lake called Grote Dobbe is placed directly in between Stadscentrum and Dorp, with the promenades and bicycle paths along the lake connecting the old and the new centres of Zoetermeer.

ECONOMY

Zoetermeer is a so called ICT-city which means that Zoetermeer not only has a fibre-optic network but also a modern infrastructure and a lot of schools that offer ICT-related education. Also 20% of the population of Zoetermeer already has an ICT-related job.

Siemens and Toshiba have factories in Zoetermeer. The municipality of Zoetermeer designates a comparatively large part of the budget to computers for schools.

To stress the ICT-tradition of Zoetermeer, the city is the first in the world to have a city hall in "Second Life".

"Second Life" is a computer program in 3D world, where everyone you see is a real person and every place you visit is built by people just like your self. Zoetermeer is sometimes referred to as the Dutch Silicon Valley.



"RandStadRail" station



Windmill "De Hoop"



Cinema "Utopolis"

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Melbourne Cup Lunch



On Tuesday the 6th of November, Neerlandia will organise once again a Melbourne Cup Lunch.

Come and watch the Cup being run on our large screen, while seated at round tables and enjoy a superb Lunch prepared by Armanda & René from **Armanda's Cuisine**.

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Mains

Roast pork, served with braised cider cabbage, mash potatoes, mustard jus & sauté carrots.

OR

Roast scotch fillet of beef served with roast baby potatoes, sauté' carrots & roast beetroot

Dessert

Homemade White chocolate Broulee

OR

Apple pie with Chantilly cream

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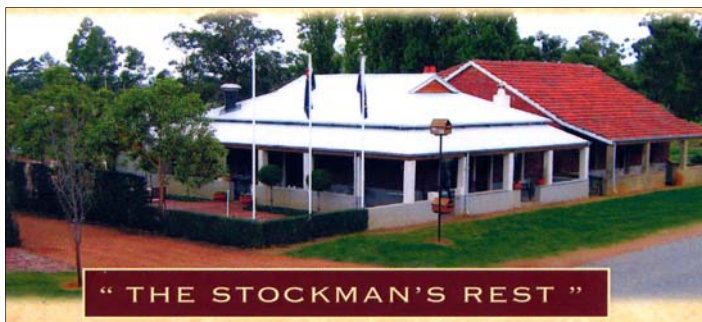
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1. You need to bring your own laptop
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Results of the September Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

It was a beautiful sunny spring day, but that did not stop the dedicated klaverjas players, as 28 players turned up. This also meant we had exactly 7 playing tables and no one had to miss out.

There was a very nice atmosphere and old fashioned "Hollandse Gezelligheid"

As usual Thea de Koning and Irma van der Kwast made sure everyone received a cup of Coffee when they arrived and they prepared "belegde broodjes" and "krentebrood" plus coffee and tea for our lunch, thanks ladies for your hard work, much appreciated by all.

The prizewinners were in doubt until the last score sheet was handed in and the end result



showed that the winners were all from the fairer sex. What is also worth mentioning that for Elly Schenkelaar it was the very first time that she has attended

a Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

Mia's win was outstanding, as she was almost 650 points in front of the runner up.

It was very fitting for her to win as she is really struggling to get around and attend these kind of events.

Well done Mia and we all wish you well, especially with your health.

The winners were:

1 st Prize: Mia Huntjens	7305 points
2 nd Prize: Elly Schenkelaar	6647 points
3 rd Prize: Riet Heyman	6644 points

The next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 7th of October and the one after that on Sunday the 4th of November.

Everyone is welcome.

Pieter Leeftang

Neerlandia Cardclub News

On Thursday 16th August we concluded the second competition for this year and the winners are as follows:

Bolivia Club

Weekly players: Mrs G. Creemers 489605 points \$10

Fortnightly players: Mrs T. Bloks 160580 points \$10

Klaverjas Club

1st prize with a score of 74695 Mrs Corry van Rijt \$25

2nd prize with a score of 74349 Mr Toon Horsten Snr \$20

3rd prize with a score of 73917 Mr Piet Segers \$15

Average score prize: 70322 Mrs Joke Leeftang \$10 (actual average score 70139)

Marsen prize: 28 Mrs Helen Dingjan \$10

The second prize winner Mr Toon Horsten Sr. had the highest number of marsen i.e. 29 but under our rules he does not qualify for a second prize. The runners up with 28 marsen were Mrs Helen Dingjan and Mr Jo Smit. The prize was allocated to Mrs Helen Dingjan as she had a score of 73090 points as compared to Mr Jo Smit's 71586 points.

We congratulate all the winners and commiserate with the other members who missed out on a prize this time. Maybe your luck will turn in our 3rd and final competition for the year.

Our second competition, just concluded, was marred by a couple of unpleasant events.

The first one being the loss of Aat Kievit, who was a cherished member of our club and who provided entertainment with his range of music CD's. He is sadly missed by us all. Fortunately, Jenny Kievit found the strength to return to our card evenings and we hope she will continue to honour us with her company.

The second event was an unfortunate accident for Alex Udinga, who broke his ankle in not just one but three places while holidaying in Brisbane with Janny. Not only did it spoil their well earned holiday but it could be a while before he is fully fit again on account of further complications.

We wish them both a speedy recovery.

We were lucky however that Janny, just before going on leave, had secured a nice present for all male members in the form of a bottle of wine for father's day. Thanks Janny for your effort.

In the absence of Alex and Janny Udinga on their now spoiled holidays, Thea Gorter took over the function of the treasurer and Bettina Tonkin was prepared to collect the contributions and coffee moneys for as long as she is needed. We thank both ladies for accepting these duties.

Important Notice.

Your committee has considered some important changes to our administration and highly recommend these changes to be accepted by our members at our forthcoming AGM.

1. Our financial year presently runs from 1st October to 30th September. Our competitions run to the end of December each year. We feel that the end of our financial year should coincide with the conclusion of our competitions. This action will reflect a more accurate financial statement.

2. We have not had an increase in our contribution for at least 15 years. Due to a gradual decline in the number of members, it becomes more difficult to maintain our financial situation. We strongly recommend therefor to increase our contribution from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per week. We further recommend an increase in cups of coffee from 70 cents to \$1.00 to simplify the collection of fees. Where else would you be able to obtain a nice cuppa with biscuit for \$1.00? Your committee would like to implement these increases from the 1st January 2013.

Please consider these recommendations for approval at our next AGM, the date of which will be advised in the near future.

Murray Koedyk

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 4th of September,

Janny Kuper

Sincere condolences to her family
from the DJVV (de Jeugd van Vroege)
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA



May She Rest in Peace.

Johan van Oldenbarneveldt,

Raadspensionaris of the Republic of the Seven Provinces as from the 16th of March 1586. He was born in Amersfoort on the 14th of September 1547 and died on the scaffold in The Hague on the 13th of May 1619. He studied law in some famous places like Leuven, Heidelberg and Padua, he fought against the Spanish forces during the siege of Haarlem in 1573, followed by Leiden in 1574 and celebrated the city's relief on the 2nd of October that year.

His appointment as Pensionary of the city of Rotterdam followed in 1576, thereby automatically becoming a member of the 'Staten van Holland', not to be mistaken from the 'Staten Generaal', the latter being the parliament representing all Seven Provinces of the Republic. By using his persuasive powers, the Raadspensionaris organized the Union of Utrecht on the 23rd of January 1579, thereby unifying the

Northern Provinces against Spain and actually laying the foundations of the Republic of the Seven Provinces. The signatories were Holland, Zeeland, Utrecht and the Province of Groningen but not the city. After a lot of persuasive talking by van Oldenbarneveldt, the other members of the Republic also signed the Declaration of the 'Unie van Utrecht' on the 4th of February 1579, like Lier, Brugge and surroundings, the City of Groningen talked into it by Friesland's Stadtholder George van Rennenberg, followed in April by Gelderland and Zutphen, together with Overijssel and Drente. The Southern mainly Catholic Provinces of the once Republic of the Seventeen Provinces decided to share their lot with Catholic Spain and signed the Union of Utrecht in February 1580.

Being noted for his patriotism and statesmanship, van Oldenbarneveldt was appointed Raadspensionaris of the Republic of the Seven Provinces on the 16th of March 1586, a career that would last nearly 33 years. It should be realized that the 'Staten van Holland', comprising Holland and Zeeland only, had appointed the Raadspensionaris as they were the backbone of the Republic, shouldering more than half the cost of running the Republic of the so called Seven United Provinces, which in fact were not very united at all as each of the Provinces was semi autonomous, having their own laws, coinage and no common language, for instance like the people from Friesland, Groningen and Limburg (just ask an Amsterdammer or Rotterdammer to sing the Meestricht Volksleed). The overall governing authority of the Seven Provinces was the 'Staten Generaal' in which each Province was represented with delegates with a right to vote. Amsterdam, the most powerful and influential member of the Republic, usually had its own way

in the national assembly the 'Staten Generaal' and just outvoted the others to suit their own interests.

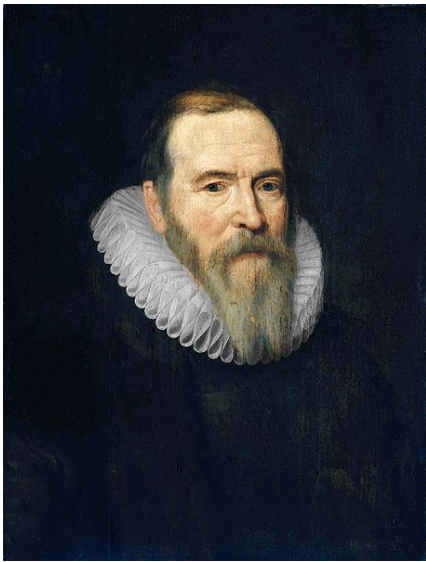
Two critical years followed after the departure in 1587 of Leicester (read previous article "Maurits") as the Republic might implode as each of the individually minded provinces just might walk out. The very competent Raadspensionaris managed to hold the lot together by convincing all that the Dutch saying 'Eendracht maakt Macht', meaning Power through Unity, still holds. In this he received the full support of Prince Maurits, who by that time in 1589 was Captain-General and Admiral of the Republic.

A major success for Johan van Oldenbarneveldt was to bring about the registration of the VOC (Verenigde Oost Indische Compagnie) on the 20th of March 1602, formed by the amalgamation of more than a dozen of competing so called 'Voor Compagnien'. A twenty one year renewable 'Octrooi' or Patent was granted to the new company, allowing the VOC to build forts, conclude treaties and trade deals, make war, capture preferably Portuguese and Spanish property, own settlements in Asia and elsewhere.

In the year 1606 weary Spain, with an empty war chest and well in arrears paying their soldiers, tried to make contact with the Dutch through Albrecht and Isabel of Austria. Van Oldenbarneveldt, as a foremost member of the Staten van Holland knew Count Albrecht quite well in his function as King Philip II's appointed Governor, also was in favour of a truce, provided unrestricted freedom of trade was guaranteed. This offer was supported by the majority of the 'Regenten' and influential people throughout the Republic.

However Prince Maurits and his cousin Willem Lodewijk, Stadtholder of Friesland, together with military and naval leaders were against this truce on the grounds that this would enable the Spanish to build up their armies again for further combat. But after three years of exhausting negotiations, a twelve year truce was finally signed on the 9th of April 1609, whereby Maurits had to admit, albeit reluctantly, that the skillfully negotiated Agreement favoured the Republic considerably.

As from now, with the fear of military hostilities behind for the time being, religious disunity started to rear its ugly head with the strict Calvinist Gomarists or Contra Remonstrants arguing the point against the more tolerant and liberal Remonstrants known as Arminians. The Armenians with the approval of the Raadspensionaris, drew up a petition in 1610 known as the 'Remonstrance', asking that their tenets be submitted to a national synod. This was like oil on a fire for the Gomarists who drew up a Contra-Remonstrance in 1613 with seven articles, calling for a purely church synod. Riots broke out in several cities. Maurits declined to act and declared himself on the side of the Gomarists thereby setting himself up against Johan van Oldenbarneveldt. The Raadspensionaris being a servant of the sovereign State of Holland in the first place, responded through its parliament 'The Staten van Holland', to raise a local force of some 4000 men to keep the peace, known as the 'Waardgelders'. Meanwhile during the many religious arguments, a so called 'Scherpe



Resolutie' was accepted in 1617 on the 4th of August, by which all magistrates, officials and soldiers in the pay of the Province Holland were to take an oath of obedience to the Province. This was seen by the 'Staten Generaal' of the Republic as a declaration of independence by the Province of Holland.

A commission headed by Maurits decided to disband the Waardgelders and so on the 31st of July 1618, the Prince at the head of his troops, marched towards Utrecht, which had aligned itself with Holland. The locally organized militias quickly laid down their arms against the superior forces. From Utrecht the Prince led his troops to Holland and again, the local militias laid down their arms. Not a shot had been fired during that memorable campaign. Prince Maurits, by now, was convinced that he had the backing to act against his popular rival the Raadspensionaris and so by order of the Staten Generaal he moved on the 23rd of August 1618 and had van Oldenbarneveldt arrested for treason, together with his supporters Hugo de Groot (the same man who later in 1621 escaped from his prison castle Loevestein, hiding in a book-chest), Jacob Dirksz de Graeff (Regent and Burgomaster of Amsterdam), Rombout Hogerbeets (Statesman as well as Pensioner and Regent of Leiden, also imprisoned in Loevestein with Hugo de Groot), and Gilles van Ledenberg (the Secretary of State of the province Utrecht). All were kept in strict confinement until November of that year until they were examined before a commission appointed by the Staten Generaal. The commission made a thorough job of it and van Oldenbarneveldt was not allowed in the following months during all the 60 examinations, to consult any papers covering his more than 32 years of office, neither was he allowed to record his defense in writing. At the end on 20 February 1619 the tired and grey seventy one year old Statesman had to face a special court of twenty one members, half of them Hollanders, and most of them his enemies. Van Oldenbarneveldt and the other accused contested the competence and lawfulness of that court, but their protests were disregarded. The final verdict by this Kangaroo Court on Sunday of the 12th of May 1619 was predictable, death by beheading.

The following day this eminent statesman and patriot was led to the scaffold to be decapitated in the Binnenhof in 'sGravenhage. Facing those who witnessed his demise, his last words were: 'Geloof niet dat ik een Landverrader ben, ik heb oprecht en vroom gehandeld als een goed Patriot en zo zal ik sterven'. (do not believe that I am a traitor, I have been honest and pious like a good patriot and so I will die).

The Staten van Holland recorded in their Resolution Book that the 'Lands Advocaat' had been a man of great wisdom, memory and statesmanship and had been extraordinary in every way, adding cynically at the end: 'Die Stoat siet toe dat hij niet en valle', or in Latin 'sic transit gloria mundi', meaning "thus passes the glory of the world".

My story does not end here as van Oldenbarneveldt left two sons from his marriage to Maria van Utrecht, named Reinier van Oldenbarneveldt, Lord of Groeneveld and

Willem van Oldenbarneveldt, Lord of Stoutenburg, as well as two daughters. Through further investigations into the family of the convicted Statesman during the following years, it was discovered in 1623 that a conspiracy had been hatched to kill Prince Maurits whereby both sons had been implicated. Stoutenburg who was in charge of the conspiracy, was warned and made his escape before he could be arrested, but his brother Groeneveld was caught and executed.

Stadtholder Maurits, Count of Nassau and Prince of Orange, was now in complete control of the Republic of the Seven Provinces. For the talented Advocaat, it was however 'Stank voor Dank', a Dutch saying translated freely as 'a kick in the bottom by way of saying thank you'. In history many outstanding and outspoken leaders have been recorded as having been treated in a similar way, mostly generated by those who felt their livelihood or position threatened by those who's downfall they plotted and orchestrated. It happened to Julius Caesar who was murdered by Brutus on the Ides of March (15 March 44 BC). It happened to Jesus, his suffering was foretold in Hebrew Scriptures such as Psalm 22 and Isaiah's songs. He was crucified in the 1st century AD during the governorship of Pontius Pilate (26-36 AD).

It happened also to Joan of Arc, known as The Maid of Orleans, who tried to save her beloved homeland France from English domination during the hundred year war, lasting intermittently from 1300 till 1450. She was burnt on the stake on the 30th of May 1412. In modern times we see England's famous war leader Winston Churchill being voted out of office after WWII by ungrateful voters and not so long ago we witnessed the demise of Kevin Rudd halfway his term of office.

Let us not forget the fate of the de Witt brothers either, Johan who controlled the Republic's political system from 1650 till 1672 and his brother Cornelis de Witt, who ably assisted his brother as well as being chosen to assist Admiral Michiel de Ruyter in 1667 on his raid into the Medway and Thames as well as during de Ruyters' naval battle of Soleby. They were lynched on the 20th of August 1672 by an angry mob outside their prison in The Hague. Let me end this story by quoting the poet Brero: 'Het kan verkeren, freely translated as 'you never know what will happen next'.

Correction to my September article: Prins 'Maurits'.

Thank you Wilma Mitchell for correcting my story about Prins 'Maurits' in the September issue of Neerlandia Magazine. Queen Elizabeth I was not the half sister of Mary Queen of Scots, but she was her cousin. They both had the same grandfather, Henry VII. Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VII second wife, protestant Anna Boleyn had a half sister named Mary, being the daughter of catholic Catherine of Aragon, Henry's first wife.

It was this Mary, being married for a short time to Philip II of Spain, who became known as 'bloody Mary' and who during her short reign as Queen of England, had more than 280 protestants burned at the stake.

It is the continuous battle for one's existence that makes reading history so engrossing. The Germans call it 'Der Kampf Um's Dasein' or the battle for one's existence.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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	5		16		21		6		1		6		19	

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for only 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I Found the last Codebreaker difficult, but once I found the words "Chinchilla" & "Chaise", I was on my way.

The March solution was:

A=6; B=4; C=24; D=26; E=22; F=25; G=15; H=9; I=16; J=11; K=18; L=23; M=8; N=7; O=17; P=2; Q=14; R=3; S=13; T=5; U=19; V=12; W=21; X=20; Y=1; Z=10.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

	3		4	7		5		
	6			3				2
			5					7
6	2						5	
	7	8	9		1	2	6	
	1						9	3
1					5			
2				8			7	
		4		1	9		8	



Sudoku - Moderate

	6	7	5	9		4		
5					8		9	
		2	4					
	2			3			7	9
		8				5		
9	5			4			6	
					1	9		
	8		2					5
		1		5	4	7	8	

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